GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2284
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RECOMMENDATIONS OF KHANNA COMMITTEE REPORT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Khanna Committee Report recommended that 35000 km rail track are to be replaced;

(b) whether the said committee also emphasized that out of 12000 rail bridges half of them are of 19th century;

(c) if so, whether the committee recommended that the rail track is to be replaced within 5-7 years and bridges to be reconstructed;

(d) if so, the kilometre track so far replaced by the railway and number of projects constructed in lieu of old bridges of railways;

(e) whether keeping in view the recent rail accidents, the Governments have taken any specific and speedy steps to implement recommendations of the Khanna Committee;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) Yes, Sir. Khanna Committee (Aug.'99) had recommended to wipe out arrears to the extent of 12,260 km on Broad Guage (as of 1.4.99) and fresh accruals @ 3250 km per year for next 7 years which works out to 35010 km of renewal.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Committee mentioned that 51340 nos. of bridges on Indian Railways are of 19th century vintage.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Committee had recommended to replace over due and fresh accrual of track renewal within next 7 years and that the rehabilitation of distressed bridges should be completed in a time span of 5 years along with fresh accruals.

(d) The progress of track renewal / bridges during last two years is as under:

Year	Total Track Renewal in Km	Total rehabilitation/ rebuilding/regir dering etc. done (nos)	Bridge
2001-02	3620		725
2002-03 (Targeted)	4000		999
2002-03 (Progress upto Jan.03)	3817		754

(e), (f) and (g) The Railway Safety Review Committee has made 278 recommendations in both the parts of the report. 214 of them have either been accepted 'fully' or 'partially'. 28 recommendations have not been accepted and 36 are under examination. 47 recommendations have been implemented.

Action to implement the accepted or partially accepted recommendations is at various stages depending upon availability of resources and success of trials, in few cases.